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House of Representatives
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Mr. Cesar Conde
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Ms. Susan Zirinsky
CBS News
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Mr. James Goldston
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Ms. Suzanne Scott
Fox News
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Dear Cesar Conde, James Goldston, Suzanne Scott, Susan Zirinsky, and Jeff Zucker:

Every four years, Americans have the opportunity to cast their votes for the President of the United States and many other elected officials -- including representatives in Congress.

It is estimated that voter turnout for the election on November 3, 2020 will be the highest on record. It is clear that Americans are taking their civic responsibility seriously. The media also has recognized its responsibility by educating voters on the date and process of the election. That responsibility extends through Election Day in its entirety.

Americans will be watching their television and monitoring their social media feeds anxiously awaiting the results of the election. And understandably, the competition within the media to be the first to deliver those results is intense. But media bragging rights should not supersede Americans' voices. Any media organization that declares a winner of the presidential election before polling centers have closed will unquestionably disenfranchise Americans who have not yet voted.

Patience must take precedence over prognostication. Therefore, I am requesting that every network and media organization refrain from declaring a winner until every polling center has closed.

Election Day is a celebration for our representative democracy, we must ensure that every American is encouraged to participate.

Sincerely,

KEVIN McCARTHY
House Republican Leader